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**Subject:** RE: MEDIA INQUIRY for Barry's Review - [Priority: Medium] - [Due: 12pm 1/28] - Texas Public Radio inquiry on regulation of ammonium nitrate

Barry – thanks

To confirm, OEM is aware of this proposed statement and was ok with it as well.

Matt

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**From:** Breen, Barry <Breen.Barry@epa.gov>  
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I don't have any edits and this is ready to go back to OPA. For their awareness, would you let OEM know this inquiry came in? It relates to the RMP program.

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**Review Deadline:** 12pm, 1/28/20

**Outlet:** Texas Public Radio

Barry,

Below is an inquiry we received from Texas Public Radio on the regulation of ammonium nitrate and a proposed response that OPA is using for all incoming inquiries about various policy positions. We agree with applying OPA's response to this inquiry as well.

If possible, please let me know by 12pm on Thursday, 1/28 if you have any questions or are ok with this response going to OPA.

Thanks,  
Matt

**Inquiry:**

Does the EPA still maintain the current position -- that this recommendation cannot be fulfilled because other agencies already regulate ammonium nitrate? Has the agency's priorities changed? Just checking in because of the administration change. Specifically, I'm asking about recommendation three. That's the one that the current leadership of the Chemical Safety Board has identified as one of the most important.

**Response:**

EPA will follow the science and law in accordance with the Biden-Harris Administration's executive orders and other directives in reviewing all of the agency's actions issued under the previous Administration to ensure that they protect public health and the environment.

Matt